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CALL FOR PAPERS

For A Hybrid International Workshop

ONTOLOGY OF PEACE: REFLECTIONS ON PLURIVERSALITY

Tentative date: 23rd and 24th June 2023

Pluriversality denotes the existence of several or plural ways of 'knowing' and 'being'. Ontologically, pluriversality underplays the authority of a particular knowledge system that may appear to claim universal validity. In other words, pluriversality allows scope for 'multiple ontologies or multiple worlds to be discovered or known'. And, not multiple perspectives on one world. This conceptualisation of pluriversality offers critical insights into peace-building. Some scholars have started to talk about a 'local turn' in the field of peace-building that spotlights the indispensability of local resources and agency for peace initiatives.

The proposed workshop, conceptualised as a multi-faceted gathering, is intended to initiate dialogues along these lines. The vision of the planned workshop is to turn the focus of various disciplines to draw implications for a pluriversal ontology of peace by moving beyond the confines of Eurocentrism. The associated aim is to reduce cultural bias in research and practice in peace psychology by including voices from regions and cultures that are typically not included in discourses on peace.

We welcome abstracts for our topics that include but are not limited to aesthetics of peace, politics in the Global South, evolution of conflict and resolution, religion and peacebuilding, social movements and political transformation, philosophy of peace, and peace education.

The abstracts should include:

- Key words (max 5)
- Abstracts: Max 500 words
- How the abstract/panel proposal fits the theme of the workshop (max. 200 words).

Deadline and address

The deadline for abstract submissions is **1st May 2023** (nkhetrapal@jgu.edu.in).

Interested parties will be informed by **1st June 2023** about the outcome of the selection.

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We look forward to receiving your abstracts and meeting you in Sonapat in 2023.

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

Confirmed Speakers

Mr. Chirayu Thakkar

'Alternate Routes to Security: 'Peace Deterrence' in Indian Diplomatic Oeuvre'

Mr. Chirayu Thakkar is a doctoral candidate jointly with the National University of Singapore and King's College London and a Visiting Faculty at Krea University. He was earlier a Visiting Fellow with the Stimson Center in Washington DC.

Dr. Rashbha Dochania

'Social Movement and Culture: An Overview of Student Movement in Assam'

Dr. Dochania is an Assistant Professor at the Jindal Institute of Behavioural Sciences, O.P. Jindal Global University, India

Dr. Sucharita Belavadi

'Rhetoric of Conflict and Peace'

Dr. Belavadi is an Assistant Professor at the Jindal Institute of Behavioural Sciences, O.P. Jindal Global University, India

Dr. Rekha Navneet

'The Aesthetics of Peace'

Dr. Navneet is an Associate Professor at the Department of Philosophy, Gargi College, University of Delhi, India

Dr. Navras Jaat Aafreedi

'Why Despite all Our Efforts Peace Continues to be Elusive: An Ontological Approach to the Question'

Dr. Aafreedi is an Assistant Professor at Presidency University, India & a Research Fellow at Institute for the Study of Global Antisemitism and Policy, New York & a Fellow of the Salzburg Global Seminar's Holocaust Education & Genocide Prevention Program and its Asia Peace Innovators Forum

Dr. Ricki Levi

'Indian Environmental Movement, Ahimsa and Ecological Peace'

Dr. Ricki Levi is an Assistant Professor at the Jindal School of Environment & Sustainability, O.P. Jindal Global University, India

Dr. Nabarun Roy

'Back to the Past to Address Contemporary Peace Imperatives: Lessons from India's Cold War Diplomacy'

Dr. Nabarun Roy is an Assistant Professor at the Department of International Relations Faculty of Social Sciences, South Asian University Delhi, India

SPECIAL WORKSHOP SESSION

Dr. Raj K. Gupta

'Sentiment analysis: A new empirical tool for peace ontology'

Senior Scientist, Social and Cognitive Computing Department of the Institute of High Performance Computing, A*STAR, Singapore

Jindal Institute of Behavioural Sciences (JIBS) at the O.P. Jindal Global University is dedicated to engaging in behavioural science research that is multi-disciplinary in nature. The institute has covered an evolutionary journey to establish an Institute in Asia that applies behavioural and social science practices in innovation, education and research, and scholarship for addressing contemporary issues and challenges. JIBS, in tandem with its expertise in the behavioural sciences, is incorporating methods and theoretical concepts to gradually craft 'peace psychology' as a domain of study and research. Over the course of the coming years, work at JIBS will be focussed on addressing questions of social import that include but are not limited to understanding how people impacted by violence could help build resilient communities. JIBS has recently been awarded a small workshop grant (runner up) by the International Society for Social Ontology for the project on 'Ontology of Peace', initiated by Associate Professor (Dr.) Neha Khetrpal in close coordination with the first year students of the Master's Program in Applied Psychology - Harsh Bhawnani, Riya, Chaitali Mishra and Janhavi Palandurkar. As a part of the grant, JIBS will be organising the first international workshop on peace psychology tentatively in June 2023.